GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4900
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TALCHER-BIMLAGARH RAIL LINE
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the construction of a railway line from Talcher to Bimlagarh in Orissa has been pending since long;

(b) whether the Railway line is proposed to be constructed during Tenth Plan;

(c) if so, the fund provision made therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to expedite the construction of that line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d): The survey conducted in 2001−02 for Talcher−Bimlagarh New Line project hasrevealed that the cost of construction of this 154-km long line would be about Rs. 606.60 crore with a non-remunerative rate of return. Construction of this new line is not considered justifiable from traffic point of view. In view of the above and acute resource constraints, it has not been considered feasible to take up the construction of this new line.